



Breckenridge/Wheeler Area Historical Society



December 2019 Newsletter



Christmas in the Village



The Annual Breckenridge Christmas in the Village was held on Dec. 2. The parade kicked off from the Plank Road Museum and marched to the downtown where the tree lights were turned on. Then everyone started roaming the Village taking in the variety of events. The Plank Road Museum was open this year and we had a nice procession of visitors who toured our facility. Somewhere between 50 and 75 people stopped in. High School senior, Grace Staley volunteered to be our greeter and Dave Briggs, Glenda Bloomquist, and Lorri Tupica acted as docents for the evening.

History at the Howe



The first History at the Howe event on October 21, was a great success 40 people packed the Library's new meeting room to learn and reminisce on the subject of the Village of Wheeler. Mike Federspiel presented a slide show of past and present photos of Wheeler and many present and former residents offered their memories of growing up in the town. Our thanks go out to Jim Huntoon, Kay Blackman, LeRoy Hynes, Gene Neitzke and others who came and shared in our presentation. The next History at the Howe is scheduled for January 13 at 6:30. The topic for this session will be the building that served as West Elementary, the Old High School, and at one time, the Breckenridge School. Come and join us!

Antique and Folk-Art Show

Linda Chapin again did a great job of organizing and running the concessions for the November 9th Antique and Folk-Art show held at the Pins in Ithaca. The profit from this show was about \$600 and we thank everyone who helped make that event a success.

End of Year Giving

If you would like to help the BWAHS with an end of the year gift, there are three ways that you can support this organization.

1. You can give a gift directly to the BWAHS. Our mailing address is BWAHS, P.O. Box 52, Breckenridge, MI 48615
2. You can give to our fund at the Gratiot County Community Foundation. The mailing address for the Foundation is GCCF, 1131 E. Center Street, Ithaca, MI 48847. Monies given in this way will benefit the Society in the future by providing interest that we can use when our finances warrant it.
3. Amazon Smile is another avenue that can benefit the Society. When you order from Amazon, do so from the "Smile" platform. To do this register at www.amazon.smile.com and indicate that you are supporting the Breckenridge/Wheeler Area Historical Society. Then Amazon will donate a portion of your purchase amount to our Society. (We made about \$20 in 2019) The more people that register, the more benefit we will see.

Thank you to our Corporate Sponsors!

We have had four very loyal and generous Corporate Sponsors for quite a few years now. Thank you to Isabella Bank, Breckenridge Insurance Agency, Wheeler Township, and the Plank Road Arbor #779 of the Gleaner Life Insurance Society. The donations from these organizations make up over one-third of our budget and we really appreciate their support!

Merry Christmas from the Officers and Board of the BWAHS!

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